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SUBJECT: MEETING OF OECD IOL COMMITTEE'S HIGH LEVEL GROUP.

1. SUMMARY: CHAIRMAN OF OECD OIL COMMITTEE AND ITS HIGH-
LEVEL GROUP (WANSINK) DOES NOT AT PRESENT PLAN TO CONVENE
SPECIAL MEETING OF HLG. END SUMMARY

2. OECD SECRETARIAT (REINFRANK) HAS INFORMED US OF
OCTOBER 17 CONVERSATION WITH WANSINK CONCERNING POSSIBILITY
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OF CALLING SPECIAL MEETING OF HLG. WANSINK REPORTEDLY

SAID THAT EEC MEMBERS HAD DECIDED IN BRUSSELS ON OCTOBER 16 THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HOLD A MEETING OF HLG WEEK OF OCTOBER 22, PRIMARILY TO DISCUSS APPROACH CONSUMER GOVERNMENTS SHOULD TAKE WITH COMPANIES ENGAGED IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH OPEC, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF RECESS REQUESTED BY COMPANIES TO CONSULT CONSUMER GOVERNMENTS. (MAJORITY OF NINE WAS AGAINST DIRECT PARTICIPATION OF COMPANY REPS IN HLG MEETING, WITH ONLY UK AND NETHERLANDS IN FAVOR). AS GULF STATES HAVE NOW MOVED UNILATERALLY TO RAISE OIL PRICES WITHOUT WAITING FOR COMPANY RESPONSE TO OPEC DEMANDS, AND IN VIEW OF WANSINK'S JUDGEMENT THAT CURRENT OIL SUPPLY SITUATION IS NOT YET SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR EUROPE, WANSINK BELIEVES THERE IS NO LONGER URGENT REASON TO CONVENE SPECIAL MEETING OF HLG. THIS COULD CHANGE IF DRASTIC ACTION TO CURTAIL OIL SUPPLY IS TAKEN BY ARAB STATES AT OCTOBER 17 KUWAIT MEETING, BUT WANSINK BELIEVES SUCH AN OUTCOME UNLIKELY.

3. IN SUM, AS OF MOMENT THERE IS NO REQUEST ON TABLE FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF HLG. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING NOVEMBER 19. BROWN

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